TIME FOR PEACE
25
YEARS
TIME TO GO
AUGUST
20
SATURDAY
A PARADE FOR PEACE
& BRITISH WITHDRAWAL
Commencing with an Open Air Concert
in Parnell Square, Dublin at 1.00p.m.

This August marks the 25th anniversary of the introduction of British troops onto the streets of the North of Ireland. 25 years ago, the Northern authorities tried to defeat the Civil Rights movement rather than agree to reform. As the crisis got worse the British Army were sent in to defend the Northern state resulting in escalating violence.

Many solutions have been presented through the years as the ultimate panacea for peace. They have all failed because they have not tackled the root problem - the British armed presence which protects the inherently sectarian and failed entity that is Northern Ireland. Those who want peace must face this reality. The British army will not provide any peaceful solution - they are part of the problem.

British policy in the North of Ireland has not fostered an atmosphere in which peace can develop. A British withdrawal must be central to the creation of a just and lasting peace. Such a peace process must include as key elements:

(a) A recognition by the British government of the right of the Irish people as a whole to national self-determination.
(b) A complete de-militarisation on all sides, and the establishment of structures that enjoy the support of all.
(c) The fears of the Unionist community about new political arrangements must be recognised and equal respect given to the civil, religious and cultural rights of all.
(d) It is the duty of both Irish and British governments to actively seek the widest possible consent for new political arrangements. However, to offer any party a veto on political progress would discourage discussion and would result in further entrenched positions.

Time for Peace - Time to Go has been formed to organise a series of discussions and other activities, nationally and internationally to mark 25 years of British militarisation of the North. Key events include:

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13th - International Day of Action, Local events in cities and towns around the world and throughout Ireland.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20th - National Parade for Peace and British Withdrawal starting with an open air concert in Parnell Sq. at 1p.m.

YOU CAN HELP

1. Distribute copies of this leaflet.
2. Help organise a local public meeting.
3. Organise or support an event on Saturday, August 13th in your area.
4. Attend the parade on August 20th.

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